



18th December 2020

„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

Message from Mrs Procter



What a fabulous week we have had in school, enjoying all of our Christmas festivities. The children and staff are now ready for the Christmas break and being able to spend some time with their families.



I would like to thank you for all of your cards and gifts. The messages in the cards really mean a lot to me, it is nice to know that you can all see just how hard we are all working within school. The plaque above is now hung in my office as we will never forget this year will we? I am sure we will all reflect on the impact that this year has had on us but not all of it has been difficult, I am sure you all cherished your time at home with the children during lockdown (now that the fraught days are forgotten!) and the joy we had when we could welcome the children back to school. We were all a little nervous about returning to school in September but we have made it and I think the children have had as near a normal term as we could possibly manage.

I would like to thank you all for ensuring that you have followed the guidance by keeping your children off if they have been poorly or been in contact with anyone showing symptoms. By working together we have managed to keep school safe. Please remember over Christmas to follow the guidelines and stay safe and well. If your child develops symptoms and needs to have a test up to the **22nd December** you **must inform** school via schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk as I may need to advise parents that their child needs to isolate if they are from the same bubble. If your child develops symptoms after the 22nd of December you do not need to inform school. Should we have any positive cases I will contact you via school spider but will send a text out to alert you to read your emails - fingers crossed this will not happen!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, it might not be quite how we want it this year but being together with close family or friends sounds pretty good to me. Please remember that over the coming week we will all come into contact with people who are at their absolute breaking point, friends, family, co-workers, strangers and retail workers. While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it may be the saddest, most stressful, loneliest and most heartbreaking for others. We are all busy but we are not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone this season is love.

Please try to attend Mass over the Christmas period and celebrate the birth of Jesus and take some time at home to stop and reflect on all the reasons we have to be grateful- family, friends, our health, food and shelter; often we forget just how privileged we are.

I have decided how I am going to spend my Christmas holiday, please see below!!!



Have a lovely break and we will see you all on Monday 4th January.

Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I try to love others as I love myself

God sent his only Son to live among us. God was physically present here on earth in Christ. But God is also around us every day, in every living thing which moves and has its being because God created it. Each creature, flower and plant gives glory to God and sings God's praises. We have a responsibility to look after our world that God created for us. The world is not ours to do with as we please, rather it belongs to God. We merely hold it in trust for God and for future generations. None of us has a higher claim to its resources or its beauty than any other, because God has given it for us all.

At this time of year, when we are pushed to consume more than ever – gifts, food, clothes, this year's must-have gadget—let us take time to step back and think about what we really need rather than what we want. Let us be inspired to view creation as a precious gift from God and to recognise that God is with us.

Let us also remember to share what we have with others; our thoughts and our prayers are with all people across the world at this special time of year.

God of love, help us always to try to do the right thing, even when we find it hard, so that we are ready when Jesus comes. Amen.

The following children have shown they love others as they love themselves

FCB – Jacob Kelly
FCB – Harry Stewart
FEM – Oliver Speirs
FEM – Amelia Davies

1HW – Hannah Pannell
1HW – Casey Kennedy
1SH – William Spencer
1SH – Grace Murphy

2RL – Molly McGuinness
2RL – Charlie Allerston
2HS – Ben Burton
2HS – Pearl Parker

3AD – Savannah Roberts
3AD – Jaxon Jagger-Tippey
3EJ – Ava Wilson
3EJ – Noah Goodheart-Smith

4AY – Erin Cottrell
4AY – Taylor Murphy
4DJ – Poppy Glascott
4DJ – Isla Heron

5HK – McKinley Dawson
5HK – Leon Doherty
5RM – Ted Burton
5RM – Tabitha Sherry

6GA – Ben Hughes
6GA – Nicholas Connor
6KH – Ava Gadsby
6KH – Alfie Drury
6KH – Alexandra Stahiescu



House Points

Last week's winners:

Key Stage 1 = **Matthew**

Key Stage 2 = **Mark**

Overall = **Mark**

Overall Scores for Autumn 2:

1st – MARK Half Term Total = 8,851

2nd - LUKE Half Term Total = 8,810

3rd - JOHN Half Term Total = 8,745

4th - MATTHEW Half Term Total = 8,252



Well done everyone! What a close contest again! Which team will take the lead after the holidays?

Jesse Tree

This Advent, we have been listening to stories from the Jesse Tree. It is an old Christian tradition that first started in medieval times. It tells of stories in the Bible from Creation to the Christmas Story. We weren't able to cover all the stories during our time in school, but the children were keen to hear them and add symbols to their class trees. It is a lovely tradition that gets its name from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah, says: ***"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit."*** A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. Jesus was a descendant of King David and Jesus is this new branch. This Christmas time will probably be like no other but let us all remember what is important and the real reason for this festive season.



A Visit from Father Christmas, Rudolph and our Lunchtime Elves



On Thursday afternoon all of the children received a surprise visit in their class bubbles from Father Christmas, Rudolph and their helper Elves. All of the children were extremely excited and all received a gift to take home. Our middays dressed as elves all week and looked very festive serving your children their lunch and supervising them in the playground this week!

Advent Project



We have been overwhelmed by the response to our Foodbank appeal again this year. Your generosity is out of this world – especially in these difficult times. It is heart-warming to see the true spirit of Christmas. Mr Young's car was packed to the rafters when he kindly dropped it off for us. From everyone at CTK and the Wirral Foodbank – we thank you.



Family bikeability.

We're excited to announce that free Bikeability Family cycle training is now available in **Wirral**. Funded via Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Bikeability grant from the Department for Transport, instructors from Bikeright, who deliver cycle training in schools in our local authority area, will be delivering family training too. You can book here: www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/family/



It's a perfect family activity to take advantage of over the Christmas holidays. A family consists of up to 2 adults and 2 children and the training can take place in a location that is suitable for you. Further information is here:

Get the whole family skilled-up and cycling this festive season with free Bikeability training sessions.

[Bikeability Family](#) is a brand-new training package to help people living in the same household to cycle together. The training will enable families to plan enjoyable group rides, switch from driving to cycling the school run, help other family members to develop their cycling skills and grow their confidence.

The training sessions will be provided by fully qualified instructors as part of a comprehensive range of Bikeability training in schools across the region.

Kind regards,

Bikeability/Bikeright

Pantomime

On Wednesday the whole school tuned in to watch Cinderella - oh yes we did!! It was lovely to walk around school hearing all the children laughing and shouting " He is behind you!" - even Year Six joined in! A huge thank you to the PFA for tpantomime and treats provided.



PFA Update

Thanks so much to everyone who was able to buy raffle tickets, it's the first year we have done it via an online platform and what a great response it was. Raffle the online raffle platform are just processing the payment of £946.80 and it should be with us within the week. We have paid out winners prizes amounting to £150 leaving us a profit of £796.80. This is a fantastic amount to buy some playground toys for each year group. Thank you so much.



This week your donations to PFA funds have also paid for Christmas Crackers, the Pantomime, a drink and snack. Have a great Christmas and see you in the New Year
From Vicky, Nic, James, Terri, Lorna, Jude and Kate and Lisa, the PFA Committee
please follow us on Facebook to keep updated – just search for Christ the King PFA.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4 th January 2021	School re-opens
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 22 nd February	School re-opens
Friday 26 th March	School closes for spring break at 1.30pm